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PART-IIA

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR

NOTIFICATIONS

The 16th November, 2016.

No.FOR.135/2015/661. - In pursuance of Rule 5 (2) (a) of the Meghalaya Minor Minerals Concession Rules, 2016, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to notify the Divisional Forest Officers (Territorial) as the Competent Authority within their respective jurisdiction to grant mining lease/quarry permit for an area upto 5 (five) hectares for the minerals specified in Schedule III appended to these Rules.

M. S. RAO,

Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Forests & Environment Department.

The 1st November, 2016.

No.Labour.132/82/Pt/368. - In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 28 of the Meghalaya Shops & Establishment Act, 2003 (Meghalaya Act No. 4 of 2003), the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to suspend the operation of Section 4, 5 and 6 of the said Act throughout the State in respect of Shops & Establishments for the period from 28th November, 2016 to 25th December, 2016 for Christmas occasion subject to the conditions under Rule 18 that compensation for overtime works and weekly holidays should be paid to the persons concerned.

N. R. MARAK,

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Labour Department.

The 15th November, 2016.

No.UAU.104/2016/1. - With rapid Urbanizations and growing cities and census towns, Urban services and Governance' is assuming significant challenge. Meghalaya has 11 Districts, 4 Sub-Divisions 39 Community Development Blocks Currently, there are 22 census towns of which 12 census towns constitute the Shillong Agglomeration of which Shillong Municipal area and Cantonment area are statutory towns rest (10) census towns in Shillong agglomeration are non statutory towns, but are covered for one or the other purposes of the civic services, building byelaws as per Master Plan etc. There are six municipalities and 3 towns committees in the State. For other census Towns in the scheduled areas Autonomous District Councils have not constituted any Town Committees. There is an urgent need to address and streamline Urban Governance in Meghalaya for leadership, direction, coordination and implementation.

In order to harmonise administrative, legal and traditional system that exists and to give impetus to the urban governance system as well as implementation of programmes, it has therefore been decided to assign charge of the Urban Governance in the District to the Deputy Commissioners for constant leadership, guidance and steering roles in Urban Governance and Urban development programme implementation. This is intended to synergize and harmonize various directions of Government of India for monitoring such mission mode programmes such as Swachh Bharat, AMRUT, Housing for all, Smart Cities, NULM, Vendors rehabilitation and other issues besides urban planning etc.

In view of the above, the following directions are being made as being emergent:-

- (1) The respective Deputy Commissioners shall function as Chief Administrator of all respective Municipalities and control the board and other powers mentioned, in particular, in Chapter VIII of the Meghalaya Municipal Act, 1973, with the mandate to streamline and control the municipal functions and to discharge other Urban Governance Functions under various urban administration, law and rules as existing.
- (2) Further, they may also be declared as the Chairman of the 'Town Committees' in District Headquarters of Town Committees and Chairman *cum* Chief Administrator of Urban governance in all the other districts in consultation with the Autonomous District Council (ADC) concerned.
- (3) Particularly their functions would be to implement Urban Laws and schemes in accordance with the provision of laws, schemes and guidelines and would function accordingly and not limited to:
 - a) To coordinate and provide leadership in all matters of Urban and civic administration in the district:
 - b) To advise and suggest measures to improve, enforce and reform functioning and operation of Urban set up and concerned Authorities in order to bring greater synergies.
 - c) To monitor all programmes, policy-implementation relating to Urban Development and Governance and
 - d) To provide adequate feed back and report to the Government from time to time.
 - e) Harmonise the transitions and overlaps in Fund, Functions, Functionaries and Functional modalities between Rural, Re-urban and Urban dimensions and activities of Public administration and Public Services, and
 - f) Any other matter relating to Urban Development Works/Programmes/Schemes and Services.
- (4) For the purpose of above, the CEO/Secretary Town Committee, the District Urban Planner and Executive Engineer of Urban Affairs Department are to report and seek directions in conformity with the directions issued by the Government and from the Deputy Commissioners. They should be answerable and accountable at the District level to the Deputy Commissioners in respect of all matters subjects

allocated to Urban Departments. The Deputy Commissioners will coordinate with Director Urban Affairs in such matters and interact with Director and the Government in the Urban Affairs Department.

- (5) For Urban governance in the District, a cell may be created in the District Urban Planning Offices who shall assist and act as the Secretariat of the Deputy Commissioners in implementation of schemes and implementation of guidelines and directions relating to Urban Development. The cell already created under NULM and any other programmes and projects would be utilized and reoriented/reorganized for such functions in addition with deployment of surplus manpower from Headquarter, as may be necessary.
- (6) Deputy Commissioners are empowered to review the Departmental Schemes and to preside over the review of the District Level Committees for implementation of schemes or the programmes and in all such cases other than committees so notified, the Chairman shall be deemed to be the Deputy Commissioners. The District Urban Planning Officers/Executive Engineers/CEO Municipal/Officers of MUDA shall function as Member Secretary for obtaining recommendations/suggestions/approval of the District Level Committee as the case may be in accordance with the respective programmes/legislative guidelines etc.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority and take effects.

Additional Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Urban Affairs Department.